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Application No.: 10/725,104  
Applicant: Robert J. Lemire  
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Title: Self-drilling fastener  
Art Unit: 3679  
Examiner: Sharp, Jeffrey Andrew  
Office Action Date: 05/13/2005

Dear Mr. Sharp;

This FAX is in response to the above referenced office action.

Please find attached the following:

1. Pages 1 & 2 that have been revised to include the designation of "US" in front of the patent number referenced in the application.
2. Revised claim 1 to overcome comment concerning prior art that has a removable hole making end that is made of a piece that is fastened to the anchor.

The Bond et al patent US 4,617,692 is composed of a number of various components. The hole making component (drill tip 20) is fastened to a screw that is used to drive the tip through the wall. The wall anchor portion of the device is then expanded to lock into position. The driving screw is then removed and hopefully the "drill tip" will fall off and not lock itself onto the end of the anchor – this happens quite often when two nuts hit up against one another on the same screw. So there is even a problem with getting this product to work as desired.

My application uses a single solid component. It has a hole making end and a flexible joint end. The hole making end makes a hole in the wall for the insertion of the flexible joint end. The flexible joint end and the threaded shaft portion of the device are described in the referenced patent US 4,617,692.

I hope that this response will clear the comments presented in your office action dated 05/13/2005.

Yours truly,



Robert J. Lemire